

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1542**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Parra**

February 22, 2005

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An act relating to sentencing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1542, as introduced, Parra. Crimes by veterans: sentencing.

Existing law establishes certain treatment programs as alternatives to incarceration to which certain offenders may be referred, as specified.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize judges to refer veterans who have recently returned from a theater of combat and been convicted of certain crimes to certain treatment programs in lieu of incarceration.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would authorize judges to refer veterans who
- 3 have recently returned from a theater of combat and been
- 4 convicted of certain crimes to certain treatment programs in lieu
- 5 of incarceration.

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